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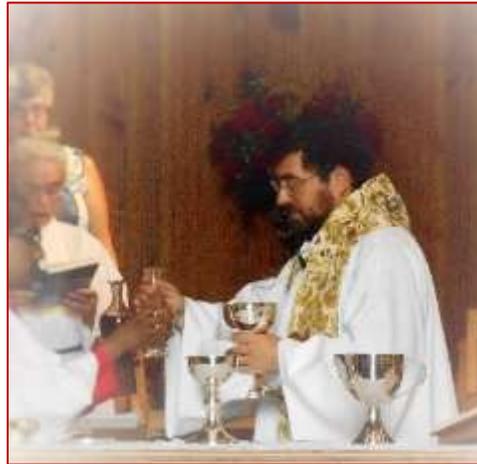
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St Mark's bids Fr Brian adieu

by Brenda Zanin

A summer congregation of unusual size came together on Sunday, July 24 for Fr Brian's last service as our rector, bringing to a close his eight-year sojourn with us. And, while Brian presided as always over the service, other participants in the liturgy offered an unexpected element.



Joy Bowerman invited members of the prayer team to each prepare a section of the Prayers of the People, and come to the microphone with their portion of the prayer. At the close of the service, the choir sang "The Lord Be With You" as a postlude, before everyone gathered in Bishop Reed Hall for a farewell reception.

As people enjoyed a coffee hour complete with a giant cake, various parish representatives offered congratulations and farewell greetings to Brian, who was accompanied by his wife Brenda Adam. Terry Frederick provided an overview of Brian's time with us, and the choir presented a musical ode that covered Fr Brian's long-haired phase, biblical expertise and ease with social media, along with thanks to God for His enduring support during trying times, and a prayer for many blessings in future years.

A handsome prayer shawl, white with blue edges and fringe, was among the parting gifts St Mark's offered. Brian was delighted with a gift certificate from Lee Valley; he told us he planned to spend it on a special tool for his woodworking hobby.

A large greeting card, with running shoes prancing across the front, bore dozens of signatures and farewell greetings that members of the congregation penned over several weeks prior to the event.

Special guests who attended included Father Antonio Pannunzi from the Madonna Della Risurrezione Church across the street, as well as former members of St Mark's congregation.

St MARK'S ODE to the REVEREND BRIAN KAUK

The moment has come and we're gathered around
To wish you farewell with a musical sound.
The time has flown by since the day you first came,
When some had to work at pronouncing your name.
We got better acquainted, and comfortable too
And learned of the many fine things that you do.
It's not every priest who will grow out his hair
To help cancer victims with such loving care.
All the kids at St Mark's gather round you with glee
To say the Lord's Prayer with the church family.
On biblical facts you're an encyclopedia
And you also communicate on social media!
Your sermons inspire us, your thoughts are profound,
While your feet are quite firmly attached to the ground.
Your ministry team gathers Fridays, quite early
To help with the service each week at the Perley.
The veterans there, not to mention the staff,
Are always delighted to hear your quick laugh!
There were times at St Mark's that were solemn, or sad
And one or two moments when people got mad,
On the grace of our Lord the whole parish relied
And as ever, his strength he did kindly provide.
And as your time with us is now at its end
We thank you for being our priest and our friend
May your journey be joyful, your troubles be few
And may God's many blessings be always with you.

by Brenda Zanin - July 24, 2016





Dear Friends at St Mark's

Brenda and I were so touched by the wonderful send off Sunday (July 24).

Thank you for the thoughtful comments, creative contributions, inspiring prayers and generous gifts.

May God continue to bless your ministry and keep you all until the next time our paths cross.

*In Christ,
Brian Kauk*

Welcome to Fr Jim

our Interim Priest-in-Charge



St. Mark's welcomes the Rev. Canon James (Jim) Roberts, who, as of September 1, 2016, will be our Interim Priest-in-Charge for the next while.

Some of you may remember that Fr Jim was a postulant with St Mark's in 1988 before his ordination. At that time Dena Burley and Bruce Lodge were part of his lay support team.

Since his ordination in 1989, Fr Jim has served at St Aiden's, the Parish of Combermere, the Parish of Metcalfe, Greely and Vernon, and most recently at St John the Evangelist, Smith's Falls. At Synod 2015, Fr Jim was installed as the Canon of St George.

Welcome Fr Jim, we look forward to getting to know you, as you get to know us.

Baptisms, Welcome and a Picnic

Sunday June 26 was a time of welcome at St Mark's. We had four baptisms followed by the annual church picnic. The Church School children sang, and the picnic raised funds and goods for Iqaluit.



This year at the picnic we welcomed seven new families to our growing church family, including some with roots in faraway places like Asia, Egypt, Spain, South Sudan, Syria and Kenya. A big welcome to you all.



Music & Food for Iqaluit

In August, Thomas Pilson, former Junior and Senior choir member, went to Iqaluit as a counsellor for the annual Iqaluit Music Day Camp. Each traveler was allowed two bags of 70 lbs each. They were asked to try and fill them with food for the Iqaluit Soup Kitchen, items for school, new baby items and goods that are always hard to find at a reasonable cost in the north. They were also told the golden rule was always bring food. Fresh produce and school items were purchased from funds raised at the picnic.

Thank you to all who helped. Through your donations and the funds raised at the picnic we all helped fill Thomas's bags. Stay tuned to hear more from Thomas in the next newsletter.



Coming Soon ... Parish Breakfast ... September 11

Guest Speaker: **Fr Jim Roberts**

*same good food, same good fellowship, same time - 8:45 am
but note the change of date: **September 11***





Church School & Nursery

St Mark's Sunday school restarts on **September 11** at the **10:00 am** service.

Children of all ages are welcome and if anyone is moved to help out with the children's programming, please talk to Kate Greer-Close.

Junior Choir

Junior choir will also be tuning up, and welcomes new children. Practice begins Thursday **September 15** at **6:15 pm**. Please see Kate Greer-Close or Ariane Dind. Simple requirements: the love of singing, the ability to read.

Senior Choir

Start-up: Thursday **September 15** at **7:00 pm**. Contact Ariane Dind if you are interested in joining.

WELCOME to St MARK'S

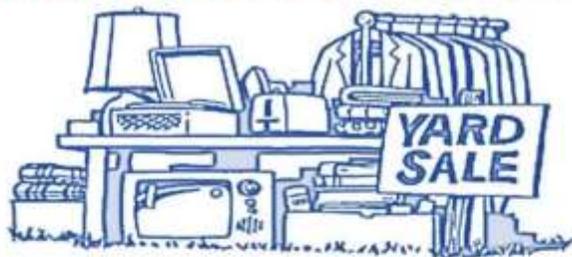


Welcoming and Sharing Sunday October 16 10:00 am service

This special Sunday, each parishioner will be asked to **BRING a GUEST**, a family member, friend, neighbour, or just someone that you would like to welcome and share St Mark's hospitality with. It will be a great opportunity to **SHARE our HOSPITALITY** especially during the Coffee hour when each parish group will have the opportunity to set up a wall or table display, showing **WHO WE ARE**, what we do, and the various ways we contribute to both the church's and the community's life. **REACH OUT** and **SHARE** St. Mark's church and its warmth with someone. One guest each would fill our church with **WELCOMING** and **SHARING** that day.

September 17, 2016
9am – 2pm

St Mark's CHURCH-YARD RUMMAGE SALE



sort out your gently used treasures
donate: for St Mark's to sell
help: collect/sort/sell

for more information
contact

Cynthia & Paul Greer 613-723-2680

St Mark's CENA PASTA SUPPER



October 29, 2016
reception 6:00 pm
dinner 6:30 pm

tickets: \$25

contact: St Mark's Church Office 613-224-7431

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Calendar of Events

Welcome Back – September +		
September 4	Welcome to	
9:00 am	Rev Canon Jim Roberts	
September 11		
8:00 am	Holy Eucharist	
8:45 am	Parish Breakfast New Date	
10:00 am	Sung Eucharist	
	Church School Starts	
September 17	Church Yard Sale	9:00 am
	September 25	12 noon
	Welcome Back Parish BBQ	
	sausages and hotdogs	
	supporting outreach	
October 16	Welcoming & Sharing Sunday	
10:00 am	Bring a Friend	see ad
October 29	Pasta Supper	see ad
6:00 pm	reception /	6:30 pm dinner
November 5	Church Bazaar	10:30 am
	placemats, linens, crafts, knitting, jewelry, baking, jams books, toys, bargains galore & refreshments	
November 13	Parish Breakfast	8:45 am
November 16	Seniors' Eucharist & Lunch	
11:00 am	service followed by lunch	
November 27	Advent	
	Advent Lessons & Carols	4:30 pm
	Advent Giving Tree	
December 9	Stairwell Carollers	concert
		7:30 pm

Weekly Schedules
Mondays
9:00 am Slim & Trim - Hall
6:30 pm Cubs - St Rita's
Tuesdays
6:30 pm Beavers - St Rita's
7:30 pm Prayer & Praise - Choir Room
third Tuesday Prayers for Healing - Chapel
Wednesdays
9:00 am Slim & Trim - Hall
7:00 pm Scouts - St Mark's or St Rita's
Thursdays
6.15 pm Junior Choir
7:00 pm Senior Choir
Fridays
9:00 am Slim & Trim - Hall
10:30 am Eucharist - Perley Rideau
Monthly Schedules
1st Sunday 12 noon Prayer Shawl meeting
1st Monday 12 noon Circle 2
1st Thursday 7:00 pm Scout Group Committee
2nd Wednesday 7:30 pm Parish Council
4th Tuesday 1:00 pm Mothers' Union

St Mark's Roll Call
Baptisms
Juliet Lau
Oliver Brown
Joshua Sabourin-Armstrong
Abel Sabourin-Armstrong
Deaths
Elsie Wilkins

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